

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Akiko ONO et al.**

Serial Number: **Not Yet Assigned**  
(Continuation of PCT/JP99/03355)

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For: **PORTABLE CARD UNIT PROCESSING APPARATUS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of international application PCT/JP99/03355 filed on June 23, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 7 and 8 as follows:

4. (Amended) The portable-card-unit processing apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising a save storage section (30) for holding at least part of information that are stored in the storage section (17a) of the card unit (17),

said control section (20) being operable, when the card unit (17) is attached to said apparatus while the external apparatus (15) is disconnected from said connecting section (14), said first

communicating section (23, 243) as to read said at least part of information from the storage section (17a) of the card unit (17) and to store said at least part of information into said save storage section (30).

7. (Amended) The portable-card-unit processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein when said card unit (17) storing electronic money defined as an electronic symbol of currency in said storage section (17a) is attached, transaction information on said electronic money is read out from said storage section (17a) and stored as said at least part of information in said save storage section (30).

8. (Amended) The portable-card-unit processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said save storage section (30) is a non-volatile memory.

## REMARKS

The above amendment is believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination.

Early and favorable action is awaited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned “Version with markings to show changes made.”

In the event there are any additional fees required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 4, 7 and 8 have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) The portable-card-unit processing apparatus according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 or 2, further comprising a save storage section (30) for holding at least part of information that are stored in the storage section (17a) of the card unit (17),

said control section (20) being operable, when the card unit (17) is attached to said apparatus while the external apparatus (15) is disconnected from said connecting section (14), said first communicating section (23, 243) as to read said at least part of information from the storage section (17a) of the card unit (17) and to store said at least part of information into said save storage section (30).

7. (Amended) The portable-card-unit processing apparatus according to ~~any one of claims 4 to 6~~ claim 4, wherein when said card unit (17) storing electronic money defined as an electronic symbol of currency in said storage section (17a) is attached, transaction information on

said electronic money is read out from said storage section (17a) and stored as said at least part of information in said save storage section (30).

8. (Amended) The portable-card-unit processing apparatus according to ~~any one of claims 4 to 7~~ claim 4, wherein said save storage section (30) is a non-volatile memory.

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